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to unpassed men in the Revenue Department will depend upon the recommendation of the Collector to the effect that he is *personally satisfied* with the work of the clerk;

(b) whether Government are aware of the difficulty of a District Collector being *personally* aware of a clerk's work individually especially in the case of clerks serving in out-stations and taluk headquarters;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no such restriction in the other departments of Government; and

(d) whether some clerks who had been given increments were made to refund the amounts as a consequence of the issue of the above Board's Proceedings?

**A.—(a)** Yes.

(b) The Government do not think that the Collector will have any special difficulty in acquainting himself personally with the character of a clerk's work in particular cases.

(c) & (d) Each head of a department is bound to satisfy himself in the case in question as to the clerk's fitness before exempting him. The Government are not aware what rules other heads of departments have issued for this purpose.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“How can a Collector be personally acquainted with the work of the clerks? There are a large number of clerks.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“He may be personally aware of his work and not of the clerk.”

Mr. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI:—“May I know whether the majority of these clerks are non-Brahmans?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I do not know.”

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—“May I remind the hon. the Revenue Member that a Government Order issued by the Law Department says that every man is entitled to rise in the scale of pay?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I wish to have notice.”

Mr. P. N. MARTHANDAM PILLAI:—“May I know whether there is a standing order that, in the case of unpassed men, the Collector should be personally satisfied and whether it is the case with all other men?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“There seems to me some misapprehension in this matter. I will explain, if I may. An unpassed man is either exempted for the purpose of holding a post on a certain pay or he is exempted from the operation of the Public Service Notification. In the latter case, there is no bar to his rising to another post for which he is considered to be fit. Where he has been exempted for a particular pay, he cannot rise to a higher pay without special sanction.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Is it a fact that some Collectors recommended several cases for exemption in certain cases 11-45 a.m., and were censured for recommending such a large number for exemption?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I do not know, Sir.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Any how, that is my information.”

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**Land Revenue.***Introduction of Land Revenue Bill.*

\* 313 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a Land Revenue Bill in consonance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Government of India Bill of 1919;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

A.—(a) to (c) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 15.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Sir, some time has elapsed since this question was answered. May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member the approximate time when he would be able to introduce the Land Revenue Bill?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“Government hope to be able to do so at the August meeting.”

**Village establishments.***Tanjore District Village Officers' Conference.*

\* 314 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed by the Tanjore District Village Officers' Conference at Mayavaram (12th January 1924) and South Arcot Village Officers' Conference at Chidambaram (15th December 1924); and

(b) the action, if any, taken on the resolutions by the Government?

A.—(a) Resolutions of the South Arcot Village Officers' Conference held on 15th December 1924 have been received. No resolutions of the first date mentioned have been received from Tanjore.

(b) Several of the resolutions are on the question of cancelling the recent re-grouping of villages. This matter is under consideration. The question of the responsibility of village officers for loss of Government trees has been referred to the Board of Revenue agreeably to the undertaking given in the answer to question No. 1194 at the last session of the Council. The resolutions on other topics have also been considered, but it has not been thought necessary to issue orders thereon.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“With regard to the question of the regrouping of villages, may I know whether the matter has advanced further since the answer was given in the last session of the Council?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I do not follow that, Sir.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“May I know whether the matter has advanced any further since the question was last answered in this House?”